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Hello, my name is Stacie Hebert. I live in Southbury, CT with my husband Jeff, daughter Mackenzie (11) and son Nicholas ,(10) who was diagnosed at birth with severe Hemophilia Type A.

Nicholas had his first bleed at 9 months old and has received Factor on a regular basis ever since. He had a port a cath put in when he was 10 months old. A homecare nurse came to the house to teach my husband and I how to give him his medicine. This way we didn't have to truck to the hospital every time he got hurt. This was a huge relief and really enabled us to live a "normal" life.

At 4 years old, Nicholas learned how to self infuse at hemophilia family camp and at this point we learned to infuse him too. His port a cath came out when he was six years old and now at 10 years old he has mastered self infusion and so have we. This gave us great freedom and makes us so proud of him.

My husband is self-employed and insurance has always been a great concern and problem for us. As a stay at home mom, Nicholas's health care and medical needs are a full time job that I take very seriously. We are receiving excellent homecare services right now and we never want to switch. Nicholas is accustomed to his type of medication he's on and we never have had a problem with it. Our homecare company and our HTC provide us with a great support system, and products that are safe. We can rely on them and they really care about Nicholas as well as our whole family.

Because of this great care, my son can play baseball and make it to the state championship. He will also be getting his black belt in karate this May , and in the fall he will play soccer again. But, most of all he can be a normal 10 year old boy with no joint damage or other repercussions from Hemophilia because we have had access to an HTC, effective medication, and a great homecare company. This is what matters most to my family and all the other parents out there. We control the Hemophilia, it doesn't control us.